

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 651

By Black

A RESOLUTION designating May 6-12, 2006, as "Nurses Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, as the voice for the registered nurses of this State, the Tennessee Nurses Association, and the American Nurses Association are working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that increasingly relies on primary and preventative health care; and

WHEREAS, the nearly 70,000 registered nurses in Tennessee, who comprise the largest segment of our state's health care profession, meet the different and emerging health care needs of this State in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS, professional nurses, as an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients, are needed more than ever due to the aging of the American population, the continual expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

WHEREAS, more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers and will continue to be an important component of Tennessee's health care delivery system in the future to provide services that are cost-effective and safe without diminishing quality; and

WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association and the Tennessee Nurses Association have declared the week of May 6-12, 2006, as National Nurses Week and have adopted the theme "Nurses, Strength, Commitment, Compassion" in celebration of the ways in which registered nurses tirelessly strive to provide high quality patient care and devise ways to improve our health care system; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we designate May 6-12, 2006, as "Nurses Week" in Tennessee and encourage the citizens of this State to celebrate the nursing profession's vital contributions and efforts toward the improvement of our health care system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.